

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

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1. (previously amended) An introducer sheath comprising:
a shaft extending from a proximal end portion to a distal end portion; and
a distal tip section at said distal end portion of said shaft;
said shaft and said distal tip section comprising fluorinated ethylene propylene and
being joined by a thermal bond, said distal tip section containing between about 20% and
75% by weight of a radiopaque material selected from the group consisting of tungsten,
titanium, tantalum, platinum, gold, silver, bismuth trioxide and lead, and
said shaft being distinctly less radiopaque than said distal section.
 2. (original) The introducer sheath according to claim 1, wherein said distal tip
section contains between about 50% to 55% by weight of radiopaque material.
 3. (canceled)
 4. (original) The introducer sheath according to claim 1, wherein said
radiopaque material is tungsten.
 5. (original) The introducer sheath according to claim 4, wherein said tungsten
particles range in size from about 0.5 microns to about 25 microns.
 6. (original) The introducer sheath according to claim 4, wherein said tungsten
particles range in size from about 1.4 microns to about 1.8 microns.
 7. (canceled)
 8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The introducer sheath according to claim 9 1, wherein said distal tip section contains between about 50% to 55% by weight of tungsten particles.

11. (currently amended) The introducer sheath according to claim 9 10, wherein said tungsten particles range in size from about 0.5 microns to about 25 microns.

12. (currently amended) The introducer sheath according to claim 9 10, wherein said tungsten particles range in size from about 1.4 microns to about 1.8 microns.

C1 13. (original) The introducer sheath according to claim 1, wherein said distal tip section was initially a separate member.

14. (previously amended) An introducer sheath comprising:
a shaft extending from a proximal end to a distal end; and
a distal tip section at said distal end of said shaft,
said shaft and said distal tip section comprising fluorinated
ethylene propylene, said distal tip section containing radiopaque particles, said shaft being
distinctly less radiopaque than said distal tip section,
said distal tip section contains between about 50% and 55% by weight of tungsten
particles that range in size from about 1.4 microns to about 1.8 microns.

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)
